

Sutter County Resource Conservation District 1511-B Butte House Road - Yuba City, CA 95991 - (916) 674-1461

CALFED Judy A. Kelly, Deputy Director 1416 Ninth Street, Suite 1155 Sacramento, CA 95814

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Dear Judy Kelly:

Sutter County RCD continues to be concerned with the amount of water that is being requested from our area. I have been told that CALFED has already requested large amounts of water from the Feather, Yuba and Sacramento rivers in our area. While no such request have been made for the American River or smaller tributary such as Deer Creek or Butte Creek.

Sutter County also has a large underground aquifer that is being looked at for its potential. This aquifer has different depths and water quality in all parts of Sutter County. The aquifer is currently being tapped by agricultural and other users. There is concern that these users will not be able to get the amount of water and the quality needed if it is used by a large amount of users.

A concern has been express that Sutter County is being viewed as a vast untapped water resource. The largest concern I see today is in your Conveyance section page 12 item e) "reaffirm commitment to protect area of origin rights (e.g., water rights, groundwater protection, etc.) ".

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to "Developing a Draft Preferred Program Alternative".

Sincerely Yours,

Rosemary Pierce Vice Chair/Secretary

Sutter County RCD

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